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SUBJECT: UNFDAC PROGRAMS IN PAKISTAN AND AFGHANISTAN; FUND-
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1. ON SOCIAL OCCASION ARRANGED BY UNFDAC'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
DE BEUS DURING RECENTLY CONCLUDED CND SESSION, PAKISTAN'S
REP RAUF ALI AND AFGHAN OBSERVER HASRAT WERE INVITED
MAKE COMMENTS ABOUT FUND'S PROGRAMS IN THEIR
COUNTRIES. THOSE PRESENT INCLUDED AMB VANCE, DAVIES,
GAMMELGARD (DANISH, RECRUITED COORDINATE UNFDAC PROGRAM
PAKISTAN) AND GOUGH.

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2. IN RESPONSE VANCE'S QUERY, ALI SAID ENFORCEMENT ACTION

AGAINST POPPY CULTIVATION IN BUNER PILOT PROJECT AREA WOULD BE INITIATED AT BEGINNING OF PROJECT. SAID THAT IF ANY FARMER RAISES POPPIES ANYWHERE IN HIS AREA, IRRIGATION WATER WILL BE CUT OFF FROM WHOLE OF HIS FARM AND POPPY CROP WILL BE DESTROYED. NOTED THAT SURVEYS HAVE BEEN MADE AND HE IS CONVINCED FARMERS IN BUNER PROJECT AREA ARE PERSUADED THAT SUCH CROPS AS SUGAR, TOBACCO AND WHEAT WILL GIVE THEM BETTER RETURN THAN POPPIES AND THEY ARE SHOWING GREAT INTEREST IN THESE ALTERNATIVE CROPS. MENTIONED THAT THERE ARE TRACTS WITHIN PILOT PROJECT AREA WHICH CANNOT BE REACHED BY IRRIGATION WATER AND THAT IN THESE AREAS REFORESTATION WILL BE PURSUED. ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT IF FARMERS CULTIVATE POPPIES EVEN IN THESE TRACTS THEY WILL NOT BE PROVIDED WATER FOR ANY OF THEIR LAND. NOATE ALSO THAT INTENTION IS TO USE TRADITIONAL OPIUM BUYERS IN PROJECT AREA TO MARKET NEW ALTERNATIVE CROPS.

3. HASRAT EXPRESSED GREAT SATISFACTION WITH DRUG ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO GOA BY UNFDAC AND SAID HIS GOVT IN ANXIOUS EXTEND/EXPAND ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM. EMPHASIZED THAT IN DRUG CONTROL AREA IT REMAINS GOA'S POLICY TO WORK EXCLUSIVELY THROUGH UN. MENTIONED HIS GOVT'S INTEREST IN UNFDAC'S ARRANGING FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY OF POSSIBILITY ESTABLISHING NETWORK OF POSTS ALL ALONG IRANIAN/AFGHAN BORDER TO INTERDICT ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFIC. REFERRED ALSO TO SERIOUS PROBLEM POSED IN BADA KHSHAN BY USE OPIUM FOR MEDICINE AND TO URGENT NEED REPLACE OPIUM WITH OTHER MEDICATION.

4. COMMENT: WE ARE ADVISED THAT DE BEUS' INTENTION NOW IS TO VISIT EGYPT, SAUDI ARABIA AND IRAN, AND POSSIBLY ALSO KUWAIT AND UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, LEAVING GENEVA AROUND APRIL 21. DE BEUS IS CURRENTLY CONTACTING UNSYG TO OBTAIN INTRODUCTIONS TO KING OF SAUDI ARABIA AND SHAH OF IRAN. PURPOSE OF VISIT IS TO "SELL", FOR ARAB/MOSLEM STATES' FUNDING, MAJOR UNFDAC PROJECTS IN TURKEY, PAKISTAN AND AFGHANISTAN AND MINOR PROJECT IN LEBANON. AFTER VISITING POTENTIAL DONOR COUNTRIES, DE BEUS PROPOSES PROCEED PAKISTAN TO SIGN PROJECT AGREEMENT FOR BUNER INCOME SUBSTITUTION PROJECT AS PREVIOUSLY OUTLINED.

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FROM PAKISTAN HE INTENDS GO TO KABUL TO SIGN AGREEMENT FOR EXTENSION/EXPANSION ENFORCEMENT PROJECT, DETAILS OF NEW AGREEMENT TO BE ELABORATED FOLLOWING ARRIVAL GENEVA ON MARCH 22 OF MAGNUSSON, UNFDAC'S PROJECT MANAGER KABUL. WHILE ITINERARY NOT YET FIXED, WE UNDERSTAND DE BEUS EXPECTS BE IN ISLAMABAD/KABUL END APRIL OR EARLY MAY. DETAILS OF ITINERARY WILL BE REPORTED ASAP. DALE

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